

## MINUTES

Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division  
Chair: Sen. Dallas Sams  
12:00 p.m. Room 107 Capitol  
Thursday, April 7, 2005

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Anderson  
Bachman  
Dibble  
Dille  
Frederickson  
Jungbauer  
Kubly  
Metzen  
Pariseau  
Rosen  
Sams

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Bakk  
Cohen  
Vickerman

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m.

Senator Stumpf presented SF1754, Northern Minnesota Turf Seed Advisory Commission research grants. Richard Magnuson, Northern Turf Grass Association testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Skoe presented SF1418, Beaver Damage Control grant program. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Moua presented SF1618, Opportunity Industrialization Centers State Council. Dr. Lee Antell, American Indian Opportunity Industrialization Center and Sharon Schaschl, American Indian Opportunity Industrialization Center testified in support of the bill and responded to member's question. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Murphy presented SF1893, Ethanol combustion efficiency grants programs. Darrick Zarling, U of M Biodiesel Center and Valerie Jerich, Minnesota Ethanol Producers Association testified in support of the bill and responded to member's questions. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Higgins presented SF980, Metropolitan Economic Development Association grants. Yvone Chung Go, Metropolitan Economic Development Association, Executive Director testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Anderson presented SF1490, Women Venture business development programs grant. Tene Wells, Women Venture, Executive Director and Hyon Kim, client testified

in support of the bill and responded to member's questions. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Bakk presented SF897, State land sale & exchange provisions. Kathy Louis, DVR, Land & Minerals Division testified in support of the bill and responded to member's questions. Senator Pariseau made a motion to refer the bill to Finance. Motion prevailed.

There was a discussion of the Renewable Energy Development Fund. Bill Grant, Izaak Walton League, Michelle Swanson, Xcel Energy and Kerry Nixon, Central Minnesota Ethanol testified before the committee.

The committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Environment, Agriculture & Economic Development Budget Division**

**Senator Dallas Sams, Chair**

**Thursday, April 7, 2005- Noon**

**Room 107 State Capitol**

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to Order
- II. **S.F. 1418 (Skoe): Beaver Damage Control grant program**
  - A. Author's Presentation
- III. **S.F. 1754 (Stumpf): Northern Minnesota Turf Seed Advisory Commission research grants**
  - A. Author's Presentation
    1. Testimony
      - a) Richard Magnuson, Northern Turf Grass Association
- IV. **S.F. 1490 (Anderson): Women Venture business development programs grant**
  - A. Author's Presentation
    1. Testimony
      - a) Tene Wells, Women Venture, Executive Director
- V. **S.F. 1618 (Moua): Opportunity Industrialization Centers State Council grants**
  - A. Author's Presentation
    1. Testimony
      - a) Peer Nyberg, American Indian Opportunity Industrialization Center
      - b) Dr. Lee Antell, American Indian Opportunity Industrialization Center
      - c) Sharon Schaschl, American Indian Opportunity Industrialization Center
      - d) Norma Fuglie, East Metropolitan Opportunity Industrialization Center
- VI. **S.F. 980 (Higgins): Metropolitan Economic Development Association grants**
  - A. Author's Presentation
    1. Testimony
      - a) Yvone Chung Ho, Metropolitan Economic Development Association, Executive Director
- VII. **S.F. 897 (Bakk): State land sale & exchange provisions**
  - A. Author's Presentation
    1. Testimony
      - a) Kathy Louis, DNR, Land & Minerals Division
- VIII. **S.F. 1893 (Murphy): Ethanol combustion efficiency grants programs**
  - A. Author's Presentation
    1. Testimony
      - a) Valerie Jerich, MN Ethanol Producers Association

b) Darrick Zarling, U of M Biodiesel Center

**IX. Renewable Energy Development Funding Discussion**

A. Bill Grant, Izaak Walton League

B. Michelle Swanson, Xcel Energy

C. Kerry Nixon, Central Minnesota Ethanol

**X. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:**

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**Agenda:**

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